



Distance Chart:

Edmonton - Smoky Lake	120 km
Edmonton - St. Paul	200 km
Edmonton - Elk Point	220 km

Emergency Numbers: R.C.M.P. 645-8888
Elk Point 724-3829
Smoky Lake 656-3543

For local weather and events listen to Radio L.W. 1310 on your AM dial.

Smoky Lake: Downtown Smoky Lake, east end of Wheatland Ave. (main street)
Vilna: South side of Hwy. 28 next to village entrance
St. Paul: Next to the landing pad - corner of 50th Ave. and 53 Street.
Elk Point: Corner of Hwy. 41 and 50th Ave. Lakeland Tourist Association: 5101-50 St. St. Paul or call 645-2913

Tourist Information Centres:

INFORMATION:



WELCOME

Welcome all to the St. Paul/Smoky Lake region. This adventure guide will give you some hints on what there is to see and do in the counties of St. Paul and Smoky Lake. It is all part of our country welcome to help make your visit a great one!

Why not leave the noise and hassle of the city behind to come discover what we have to offer. We are sure you will be impressed by our beautiful countryside and small town charm.

There is so much to see and do in our all seasons playground. Whether it's camping or exploring historic forts, we've got something for everyone. If you are looking for a quiet Sunday drive, the perfect picnic spot or that special fishing hole, you've definitely come to the right place.

Another favorite alternative is to find a peaceful lakeside spot and just unwind. Doesn't that sound appealing? So why not escape the crowds and the rush, take the whole family down to our part of Lakeland Country for a vacation you'll cherish forever.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO:

Whether it's golfing, nature walks or exploring the past, we have something to please all tastes. The fun map outlines the camping and lakeside attractions for which the region is famous. Lakes aren't all we have to offer though; the following is a brief list of the many other activities possible in the St. Paul/Smoky Lake region.

FAMILY FUN TOURS:

Pine Ridge Forest Nursery: Alberta's largest tree nursery is truly amazing. Come and find out how it all begins for more than 30 million seedlings per year. 20 km east of Smoky Lake on Hwy. 28. Groups should call ahead 656-4130.

Horizon Dairy Products: Visit Alberta's fastest growing dairy. Located in Smoky Lake along Hwy. 28, the dairy bottles milk and juice. Limited tours available. Call ahead 656-4025.

Canadian Salt Company: Produces over 400 metric tonnes of salt per day at its Lindbergh plant located 16 km east of Elk Point on Hwy. 646. Tours are available Monday through Friday, 9:00-3:00, call 724-3745 for an appointment.

Apiary: Alberta has long been recognized for its excellent honey. If you would like to find out more, the Mallaig Bee Farm offers tours, call James Christensen in advance at 635-3842. Other tours include Bouquet Apiaries in St. Lina 635-2371, St. Vincent Honey 635-3740 and Bear Lake Honey in Smoky Lake 656-2463.

Grain Elevators: Everyone has seen these prairie giants, but do you know how they work? Drop by and ask your local manager for a tour.

Amoco: See how heavy oil is extracted from the earth near Elk Point. Group tours preferred, prior arrangements must be made. Call 724-6500.

Feedrite Feed Mill: Located at the east end of St. Paul on Hwy. 881, tours Monday to Friday. Call 645-5880.

P.S.

Don't forget to visit the world's first flying saucer landing pad in St. Paul and the giant carving of the famous explorer Peter Fidler in Elk Point.

FARM TOURS:

Have you ever milked a cow or gathered eggs? Why not take the whole family for an educational farm tour. The following farms welcome visitors. Make sure to call in advance:

KAY-R Charolais: call Clinton at 358-2215 Waskatenau
Dolor Brousseau dairy farm: call 635-2537 St. Vincent
Didier Gamache dairy farm: call 645-2290 St. Paul
Jim Orr dairy farm: call 724-2360 Elk Point
O.B. Hutterite Colony: call 847-2333 Heinsburg

Several game farms are also located within the region. They have a wide variety of interesting species including bison and elk. Call Bob Plumb at 656-2474 in Smoky Lake and Aurele Jean at 645-2219 in Lafond. If you want to see ostrich, call George Sanders at 943-2265 in Heinsburg.

For a relaxing bed and breakfast style country retreat or a special meal, check out the Inn at the Ranch. Located 22 km NE of Smoky Lake. Reservations required - call Enid at 656-2474.

Hay rides are available from Lottie Lake Hay Rides. Reservations required, call 726-2607 in Ashmont. Alex Prockiw in Warspite offers Belgian horse sleigh rides, call 383-3881.



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FARMERS' MARKET:

If you want the freshest produce available, plus enjoy an afternoon of rustic charm, visit one of the many Farmers' Markets in our region. Farmers present the cream of their crop along with baking and crafts. Get there early for the best selection. The markets are seasonal, so it is best to call ahead if in doubt.

Smoky Lake: Ag. Complex, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00, call 656-2463.

Spedden: Spedden Hall, Fridays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., call 636-3514.

Vilna: Agri-Plex, Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., call 636-2175.

St. Paul: Recreation Centre, Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., call 645-2518.

Elk Point: 4902-51 St. (old Pioneer Circle Hall), Fridays 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., call 724-3758.

Don't miss the chance to pick your own, at the many U-Pick fruit and vegetable market gardens in the region.



Debra Kilby - Canada Day Elk Point



Mike Copeman



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GOLFING:

Golf lovers will be thrilled to see our beautiful uncrowded courses. Try one, or play them all, enjoyment is guaranteed!

Smoky Lake Golf Course: 1 km north west of Smoky Lake - 9-hole grass green course nestled in the scenic White Earth River valley, rentals available - 656-2121.

Vilna Golf Course: Next to Bonnie Lake - 9-hole sand greens 3.3 km east of Vilna and 1 km north on Bonnie Lake Road (R.R.11).

St. Paul Golf Course: 9-hole grass greens, driving range, rentals, pro-shop, lounge and concessions - 645-4077.

Woodland Golf Course and Resort: 7 km north on 56 Street St. Paul. 9-hole grass greens, rentals. Par 36. Features shale tennis courts, campground and kiddies playground. Great for family get togethers - 645-5795.

Elk Point Golf and Country Club: 9-hole sand greens, located southwest of town on Hwy. 646. Clubhouse, rentals, and camping nearby - 724-3733.

Strawberry Golf Course: North of Heinsburg on Hwy. 893, 9-hole sand greens - 943-2290.

A's Driving Range: 8 km east of Elk Point on Hwy. 646, 1.5 km south and 1/2 km east - 724-4326.



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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING:

With its gentle rolling hills and beautiful woodlands, our region has the perfect setting for cross country skiing. Come and explore our trails, it is a great way for the whole family to get out and enjoy winter.

Trails are maintained at:

Inn at the Ranch - N. of Smoky Lake
Bellis Natural Area
Lower Therien Lake - St. Paul
Woodland Resort - St. Paul
Whitney Lakes Prov. Park

HISTORIC SITES:

Fort Victoria: 10 km south of Smoky Lake and 6 km east on Hwy. 855. Hudson's Bay Company Post est. in 1863. The Factor's House is the oldest building in Alberta still left on its original site. Interpretive program in effect from Victoria Day to Labour Day. Call 662-3640.

Fort George and Buckingham House: 11 km southeast of Elk Point. An interpretive centre lets you step back to the days of the fur traders that occupied these Hudson Bay Company and North West Company Forts est. in 1792. Call 724-2611.

Elk Point Historic Mural: A 100-ft. long mural depicting Elk Point's story from the days of the voyageurs to the present.

Smoky Lake Museum: Housed in an old school next to Hwy. 28, this museum contains many pioneer artifacts - phone 656-3812.

Musée Historique de St. Paul Historical Museum: Cultural Centre main street St. Paul. Depicts local history from the region's first inhabitants to the arrival of homesteaders - call 645-4800.

St. Paul Catholic Rectory: Built in 1896, when Father Lacombe founded St. Paul des Métis. The building still possesses many of the original furnishings. Call in advance 645-3182.

Manitou Kehiw Centre Museum Saddle Lake: Features native history and artifacts. Phone 726-3829 ext. 149.

Other historic sites include Fort Vermilion, Fort de l'Isle, St. Paul des Cris at Brosseau and the Frog Lake Massacre site. If your interest is historic churches, a drive through our region will delight you. Of special interest are the churches in Smoky Lake, Dickiebush, Vilna, Spedden and St. Paul.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES:

If antiques are your passion, you must come see what treasures are waiting to be discovered in local shops. Visit Country Lane Antiques and Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe in Smoky Lake or Heritage Corner in Bellis. Another great way to add to your collection, is to attend the many auctions that go on all year long. Check local newspapers for listings.

BIRD WATCHING:

The region's many lakes and wetlands provide a perfect opportunity for observing birds of all kinds. Did you know that islands on Smoky Lake have one of the highest densities of nesting waterfowl in North America and that Lagasse Park in St. Paul features a bird sanctuary? The Whitney Lakes Provincial Park and Bellis Natural Area trail systems are ideal for birders as well. If you're in the Elk Point area, stay on the lookout for the turkey vultures which are sometimes sighted and don't forget to pick up your bird viewing guide at the local tourist information centre.

MORE:

There's more too! Why not check out the many seismic trails and cutlines that are perfect for all-terrain vehicles, mountain biking or snowmobiling. On those rare days when the sun isn't shining why not catch a movie, go bowling or check out the fantastic indoor aquatic complex in St. Paul.

For all your recreation rental needs, see Hillside Motorsports (645-4499) in St. Paul. Available for rent are quads, boats, canoes, sea-doo's, snowmobiles and holiday trailers. In Smoky Lake contact Recreation Rentals at 656-2130 for canoe and portable hot spa rentals.

For unique sightseeing or fly-in fishing, contact Wings of the Lakeland commercial air charter service at 645-3037 in St. Paul.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

At special events all around our region, you'll catch a sense of that country hospitality that makes this area so special. Bring your ball team or dance troupe down and witness the tremendous hospitality of our citizens. Or, come to one of our many bonspiels or hockey tournaments. For some real western excitement take in one of the many rodeos in the region. We know how to live it up and we want you to join in!

Check the special Calendar of Events insert or get in touch with a local tourist booth for details on the many other attractions in the region.